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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Julia Gammon

Dear NASIG Members:

Thanks for the opportunity to serve you as President during the 1995/1996 year. So many of you have given so freely of your time and talents to make my job easier and to move the organization ahead.

Special recognition should be noted for our outgoing board members, John Tagler, Bobbie Carlson, and October Ivins. They have given much to the organization while serving in their elected capacities, and we will miss their advice, creativity and energy.

We welcome new board members, Connie Foster (Secretary) and Carol P. Diedrichs (Members-at-Large) and Susan Davis who moves into her new role as Vice President/President-Elect. I know these new board members will be invaluable to Beverley Geer-Butler, our very capable and energetic incoming president. Special thanks to the Nominations and Elections Committee for bringing the membership such a strong slate of candidates from which to choose.

Included in this issue are the NASIG committee annual reports. I hope you will read them and find out what has been going on over the last year. Some highlights for the year are:

- Our Task Force on Electronic Access found a new electronic home for us at the University of North Carolina, and the Electronic Communications Committee completed the move of our electronic files. We now have our first web site.

- Our Program Planning Committee and Conference Planning Committee provided a great program and a superb location for our eleventh annual conference. As of this Newsletter's submission deadline, registration may set a new attendance record. We also introduced our first conference web site and e-mail address which was linked to the NASIG Web.
- Our proceedings have expanded to fill two complete issues of Serials Librarian for the first time. A search committee selected new editors for the coming year.
- Our Archives have been professionally organized and reside in new home for the next 3 years.
- Our Membership Directory will peak at 1093 members this year-- including 140 new members. We must be doing something right!
- Despite many job changes, the Newsletter staff continued to publish our activities in a timely fashion. They also published our first supplement which was the Strategic Plan.
- We began implementation of our Strategic Plan.
- The Continuing Education Committee brought us a record number of regional programs and introduced its mentoring program.
- The Evaluation and Assessment Committee became an official NASIG committee which has provided feedback on how well we are doing our job.
- The Student Grant Committee began to offer 8 annual awards (instead of 6) due to the quality of the 62 applications they received this year.
- The Bylaws Committee conducted a ballot for an important change involving the Past President's role on the NASIG Board.
- The Regional Councils and Membership Committee revised and reprinted our membership brochure.
- Our Horizon Award for a new serialist will become a permanent committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you as NASIG's eleventh president. And a special thank you to all of you who provided help, advice or volunteered during the year. This has been a hectic, fun and rewarding year for me which I will long remember-- but I do look forward though to having a few Saturdays off now!

Best regards,

Julie Gammon
NASIG President
1995/1996

NASIG COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORTS (1995/1996)

ARCHIVIST

Teresa Mullins, NASIG Archivist

This is my first year as NASIG Archivist, and I hope that, as Archivist, I can continue the excellent work done by Elaine Rast over the last several years. During the winter and spring of 1995/96, the NASIG archives were shipped to Denver where they will now be housed. The archives consist of a variety of materials, including business reports, financial records, correspondence, copies of the Newsletter and directories, and photographs. The archives

arrived in Denver in excellent condition, so my work during the coming year will consist mainly of maintaining the current files and arranging for archival storage of the photographs and negatives. Anyone having material pertaining to NASIG, including photographs from conferences, is invited to give them to me at the conference in Albuquerque, or send them to:

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BYLAWS COMMITTEE

Sandy Folsom, Chair

Members of the Bylaws Committee for 1995/96 were: Marifran Bustion, Joanne Donovan, Sandy Folsom (Chair), Catherine Nelson, Julie Su, and John Tagler (Board Liaison).

The primary business of the Bylaws Committee this year was to receive bylaws change proposals from NASIG members, prepare a ballot representing one of the proposals received, and conduct a bylaws change vote through the mail. Initially, three proposals for changing the bylaws were received by the committee. Two were eventually withdrawn by their sponsor. The third proposal, which called for changing the status of the NASIG Immediate Past President to that of Executive Officer, went forward to a vote of the membership. Ballots were mailed on February 20. Voting was closed on April 20. The proposal was approved by an overwhelming margin. The results of the vote were:

469 Yes	39 No	1 Invalid
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A total of 505 ballots were cast. Joanne Donovan served as Tabulator of the vote.

CONFERENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Frances C. Wilkinson and Joan Griffith, Co-Chairs, and Michael Alan Brown, Vice-Chair

The 1995/96 NASIG Conference Planning Committee (CPC) consists of the following members: Rebecca Bauerschmidt, Michael Brown, Marilyn Fletcher, Joan Griffith, Ruth Haest, Linda Lewis, Anne McKee, Anne Schultz, Fran Wilkinson. Each member is responsible for coordinating one of more major task associated with planning the conference. Jean Callaghan ably serves as our Board Liaison.

The CPC has been diligently working for 1 1/2 years to plan what we hope will be an excellent 11th annual NASIG Conference. The Conference will be held at The University of New Mexico campus from June 20-23, 1996. The conference theme is "Pioneering New Serials Frontiers: From Petroglyphs to Cyberserials." The CPC is committed to producing a highly successful conference at a reasonable cost for attendees. The CPC has worked closely with the Program Planning Committee (PPC) to coordinate requirements for the preconferences, plenary and concurrent sessions, and workshops. We have planned a variety of social events to provide informal networking opportunities which

include evening buffets and entertainment, late night socials, and tours. New features this year include a Conference Web Site with our complete brochure and registration form, a Conference electronic mail address for questions, and Concurrent & Workshop handout packets available for sale at the conference to attendees.

The Conference Planning Manual was very useful and informative. As the Duke CPC did for us last year, we will update sections of it for the Michigan CPC. It has been a great pleasure working with the many dedicated professionals on the NASIG Board. Each of them has contributed to this conference. Special thanks go to Jean Callaghan, Julie Gammon, and Dan Tonkery for their support and encouragement

CONFERENCE STUDENT GRANT COMMITTEE

Gail Julian, Chair

Committee members were: Gail Julian (Chair), Linda Horiuchi, Margaret Mering, Debbie Leggett Sibley, Christine Stamison, Laurie Sutherland, Kay Teel, and Sarah Tusa.

Accomplishments

In an effort to reduce the number of last minute applications received, the grant announcements and applications were mailed 2 weeks earlier than last year, making applications available in library schools by November 15 rather than December 1. The announcement was initially posted to listservs on November 13 and again in late January as a reminder. This approach seemed to help tremendously in reducing the last minute rush for both the applicants and the Chair.

The grant application and grant announcement were made available over the gopher to allow NASIG members easy access to copies of both. Additionally, applications were sent upon request through e-mail for the first time. Initially, 164 applications were mailed with an additional 38 sent upon request by mail, fax, and e-mail. At this time, only mailed and faxed applications can be accepted due to the requirement that signatures of both the applicant and the sponsor appear on the completed application.

Travel guidelines were prepared by Kenneth Kirkland, travel coordinator for the committee for several years. Ken supplied the committee with much needed travel guidelines and many detailed examples used in arranging travel for the students through the official NASIG designated travel agent and in coordinating payment by the NASIG

Treasurer. The Student Grant Committee hopes to continue the personal touch that Ken always provided in arranging transportation for the students. As of 1996/97, the newly formed Awards and Recognition Committee will take over the responsibilities formerly divided between Student Grant and Horizon and will have additional areas of responsibility as well. Hopefully, the travel guidelines prepared by Ken Kirkland will provide a strong basis on which the new committee can build.

Issues to be Addressed

The grant announcement lists the notification date for recipients as April 1 but no mention is made of notification of non-recipients. The announcement may need to be updated to include information regarding notification of non-recipients by mail by April 10. Additionally, a mechanism may need to be added to notify applicants when their applications are received by the Chair since many queries and specific requests for notification are normally received. These measures would reduce some of the uncertainty that the applicants feel upon submission of the application.

Grant Recipients

Sixty-two applications were received this year, one of the highest numbers received to date. The number of grants awarded was increased from six to eight. Five of the eight recipients this year attend library schools not previously represented at the NASIG Conference by student grant award winners. The applications were extremely strong -- making the ranking process especially difficult for the committee. However, as always, we feel very fortunate that so many qualified students expressed an interest in serials and in NASIG.

The NASIG Conference Student Grant Committee is pleased to announce the recipients of the 1996 grants:

DANA MARIE BELCHER

*Library School: University of Oklahoma
Employer: USEPA RSKERL, Library*

LORETTA GROWELL

*Library School: Wayne State University
Employer: Detroit College of Law, Library*

DAVID W. FREE

*Library School: Clark Atlanta University
Employer: Georgia State University, Pullen Library*

RANDALL HOPKINS

*Library School: University of Maryland
Employer: University of Maryland, McKeldin Library*

KIMBERLY A. MAXWELL

*Library School: Catholic University of America
Employer: Association of Research Libraries*

MARIA MOFF

*Library School: Kent State University
Employer: University of Akron, Bierce Library*

VIRGINIA TAFFURELLI

*Library School: Pratt Institute
Employer: CUNY Brooklyn College, Library*

RICHELLE VAN SNELLENBERG

*Library School: University of British Columbia
Employer: University of British Columbia, Library*

CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Michele Crump and Marilyn Geller, Co-Chairs

Members: Nancy Chaffin, Michele Crump (Co-Chair), Connie Foster, Marilyn Geller (Co-Chair), Marty Gordon, Phil Greene, Judy Luther, Linda Meiseles, Jim Mouw, Lynn Murphy, Alison Roth, Marcia Tuttle, Roberta Winjum, October Ivins (Board Liaison)

1. Fall Programs:

On September 29th, the Pennsylvania Library Association Conference held in Pittsburgh provided a setting for a preconference sponsored by NASIG. The seminar, entitled "The Library/Vendor/Publisher Partnership" addressed some of the important

issues surrounding the management of serials. Program speakers were: Erika Linke (Carnegie Mellon University), Jerry Eonta (EBSCO), and John Tagler (Elsevier). Denise Novak coordinated this program.

On November 8th at Wellesley College in Wellesley, Massachusetts, NASIG, ACRL New England Chapter's Serials Interest Group, and SISAC jointly sponsored a program entitled "EDI and the Serials Business Cycle." Program speakers were: Julia Blixrud (CAPCON), Tina Feick (Blackwell's Periodicals), Jodi Israel (Faxon), Lynda Moulton and Wendy Reidel (Library of Congress). Amira Aaron, Becky Breedlove, Alison Roth, and Marilyn Geller coordinated this seminar.

"Roll, Rope, and Brand 'Em! Using Series Authority Records" was another NASIG co-sponsored program presented on November 10th at the AMIGOS Fall Conference in Dallas, Texas. This program was originally presented as a very successful workshop at a recent NASIG conference. Adrian Alexander initially contacted AMIGOS about this program. Program speakers were: Beverley Geer-Butler (Trinity University) and Beatrice McKay (Trinity University), Nancy Chaffin coordinated the program with Laura Kimberley of AMIGOS.

Another joint program with ACRL New England Chapter's Serials Interest was "Serials Pricing Issues" held on May 23rd at the University of Massachusetts, Boston Campus. Speakers included: Janet Fisher (MIT Press), Phil Greene (Ebsco), Mike Markwith (Swets), John Tagler (Elsevier), and Marcia Tuttle (UNC-Chapel Hill)

2. Future Programs and Publications:

Marty Gordon is meeting with ACRL Delaware Chapter to plan a one day seminar on electronic publishing for October 4, 1996 with an anticipated registration of 75-100 people. The planning includes identifying/inviting actual speakers such as representatives from an STM publisher, a university press, an administrator, and two faculty members (one of whom will be a natural or life scientist). A presentation site has been secured and the cost will probably be \$20 without lunch.

Human Resources Directory: The HRD subgroup of the Continuing Education Committee is comprised of Marty Gordon, Judy Luther, and Roberta Winjum. Throughout the course of this past winter and spring, this group has created and distributed a profile form for NASIG members who would like to be included in the Directory. The profile form was issued in the Feb. 1996 NASIG Newsletter and is available electronically on both the NASIG Gopher and NASIGWeb. With the recent development of NASIGWeb, the project has been reconceived as an electronic directory which can be updated on a more regular basis than in printed format. To date, 10 profiles have been submitted to this group. Profile forms will also be available at the annual conference.

Mentoring Program: The first mentoring program will coincide with the 1996 Annual Conference in Albuquerque, NM, June 1996. Applications for participation will be accepted through May 15. Library science students, new librarians, and new NASIG members will be matched with mentors (seasoned NASIG members who are willing to help someone get the most out of the Conference and membership) before the NASIG Conference.

Mentors and mentees will meet at the First Timers Reception to begin the networking process. As of April 30, 1996, nine mentors and five mentees have applied to participate. Action to be taken: Alison Roth has contacted Conference Planning Committee for a list of first time attendees which will be faxed to Linda Golian by mid-May. Each person will receive a phone call, e-mail or mail application form for the mentor Program. In the last week of May, Alison will submit a final call for additional mentors on NASIG-L if necessary to fulfill match for mentees.

Letters will be posted the first week of June to BOTH mentors and mentees providing contact information. At the First Timers' Reception, Alison will provide a one page handout on mentoring tips and a one page program evaluation form to all program participants. Key NASIG officers will be asked to introduce themselves for the benefit of the first timers, including those who are mentees.

Serials Brochure: Connie Foster and Linda Meiseles shared the first draft of the serials brochure with the group and are currently incorporating the feedback into the text. CE will review another draft during the annual NASIG Conference.

Back to Basics Program: Jim Mouw, Michele Crump, and Phil Greene are developing a "back to basics" half-day preconference program for serialists who want to fill in the gaps of their serials education. A detailed outline will be ready for review at the annual NASIG Conference. Jim, Michele, and Phil will submit a proposal for the 1997 NASIG Conference. This preconference will serve as a model for the "Back to Basics" road show CE is interested in designing, perhaps in cooperation with another professional group.

3. Organizational and administrative projects:

Continuing Education Committee documentation: Development of an unofficial manual of procedures and supporting information for a CE program has been started by Denise Novak, Nancy Chaffin, and Marilyn Geller. The group has agreed to begin with Denise's "tip sheet" created from her experiences and build on this. This project will be discussed more fully at the committee meeting held during the annual conference.

Coordination with Regional Councils and Membership Committee: Michele Crump received RCC calendar of events from Joyce Tenney. The development of a joint calendar is still under discussion.

Continuing Education Credits: the committee has conducted a preliminary investigation with CAPCON (Capitol Consortium Network) which offers CEC's. Follow up with CAPCON and more exploration with University of North Carolina, School of Information and Library Science, and possibly ALA's Accreditation Committee still needs to be pursued.

NASIG Conference Handout Packets: Continuing Education Committee is responsible for distributing packets ordered but not picked up at the conference. Details are still under discussion with the Treasurer and the Conference Planning Committee.

NASIG Strategic Plan: Continuing Education Committee has a major role in many initiatives listed in the Strategic Plan. The committee plans to use the meeting at the annual conference and the listserv to discuss these ideas and determine what is already underway and begin to define the methods for incorporating new ideas.

DATABASE AND DIRECTORY COMMITTEE

Theresa Baker, Chair

Members were: Theresa Baker (Chair), Robert Cleary, Susan Davis (Board Liaison), Ann Dykas, Jennifer Edwards, Leanne Hillery, Teresa Mullins, Cheryl Riley, and Virginia Rumph

Database

The committee kept busy with it's usual duties related to the membership database: maintaining the database; printing mailing labels for Newsletter, ballots, and conference brochures; and preparing renewal forms and reminders. New member and member change information was sent to Steve Oberg (Electronic Communications), Carol MacAdam (Newsletter), and Joyce Tenney (Regional Council & Membership). Membership renewals were sent out later in the year, as a separate mailing. This was done to reduce the number of duplicate renewals received. As of this report, the membership is at 1093, which includes 140 new members for 1996.

Directory

Directory production shifted from Atlanta to Kansas City this year due to changes in the makeup of the committee. Cheryl Riley has selected a new Directory printer, and will continue working with the printer until the Directory is mailed. The other

committee members have been busy gathering and editing data. The size of the Directory continues to grow. The 1996 Directory will have 1,070 members listed!

Special Projects

We began gathering data using the new "Organization Type" list on the membership renewals this year. A report on the demographics of the membership will be included in an upcoming Newsletter.

We have started sending our extra Directories to the Regional Councils & Membership Committee. They are now being sent out with the new members packets.

The mailing label data provided for the February Newsletter included a non-renewal message this year. Members were notified in the Newsletter that it would be their last if they did not renew soon.

EVALUATION AND ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

Bea McKay, Chair

Members: Ladd Brown, June Chressanthis, Teresa Malinowski, Jennifer Marill, Beatrice McKay (Chair), Juliann Rankin, Lucien Rossignol, Marla Schwartz, and Birdie MacLennan (Board Liaison)

The newly formed Evaluation and Assessment Committee began its first year of operations on January 1, 1996. Unlike all other NASIG committees, its term of service is based on the calendar year. Following the 1995 conference, members of the original Conference Evaluation Task Force were joined by new members June Chressanthis, Juliann Rankin, and Lucien Rossignol to form the new standing committee. Though not yet truly a committee, these willing NASIG members worked during the summer and fall to complete data entry and generate reports for the use of the NASIG Board at the fall meeting in Albuquerque. In addition, the committee formulated a Report Distribution Policy, approved by the Board, to govern the distribution of conference evaluation reports. The committee also composed and received Board approval for a transmittal letter intended to ensure the confidentiality of conference evaluation reports. This letter includes a confidentiality agreement which designated Board members and committee chairs must sign and return before they may receive the appropriate conference report.

Since January 1996, the EAC has compiled and the Board has approved a set of changes to the conference evaluation form for 1996. These changes are intended not only to make the form easier to fill out but also to provide more useful data to the Board and planning committee chairs. Please remember to complete and return your 1996 Conference Evaluation Form before you leave Albuquerque!

Following the conference in Albuquerque, the committee will again be occupied with data entry and report writing based on your completed evaluation forms. In addition to those important tasks, we will undertake the creation of a committee manual to guide the work of future members of this committee.

The Chair would like to express thanks to the members of the Evaluation and Assessment Committee for their pioneering work on NASIG's behalf. A special "thank you" to our Board liaison, Birdie MacLennan, for her always prompt communication and wise advice.

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Steve Oberg & Maggie Rioux, Co-Chairs

Committee members for 1995/96 included: Christine Christiansen, Donnice Cochenour, Ellen Duranceau, Kate Herzog, Betty Landesman, Birdie MacLennan (Board Liaison), Wendy Moore, Steve Oberg (Co-Chair), Michael Randall, and Margaret Rioux (Co-Chair). Rick Ralston was appointed to the committee in the fall to replace Ellen Duranceau who resigned for personal reasons.

1. Committee list archive decisions and updating:

In June and July, new committee members' e-mail addresses were gathered and committee lists were updated by a team consisting of Donnice Cochenour, Betty Landesman, Steve Oberg, and Mike Randall.

Archive decisions were collected from last year's chairs by Betty Landesman. Those decisions were passed on to Kevin Curnow (AMS) for implementation. Steve contacted all committee chairs to inform them of the availability of their lists. NASIG has a total of 23 committee lists this year, 18 of which were active. When the mailing lists were transferred to UNC, some lists went through name changes:

nasig-confplan	became	nasig-cpcdoc
nasig-local	became	nasig-cpc
nasig-newser	became	nasig-horizon

Plans are underway to bring up a new list which will combine nasig-grants, nasig-awards, and nasig-horizon into one. In May, we will again begin the process of reviewing committee list use and contact committee chairs regarding whether to keep or purge their archives.

2. NASIG-L purge:

In coordination with the D&D committee and their annual purge, Christine Christiansen, Betty Landesman, Wendy Moore, Steve Oberg, and Mike Randall modified the NASIG-L subscriber list to reflect accurately paid-up memberships and e-mail addresses. After this modification, Tom Maloney (AMS) changed passwords and gopher port for NASIGNET services.

3. NASIGNET Welcome message:

New gopher port and password information was added to this document, as well as information on the new address for NASIG-L and its new moderated status. The Welcome message was then sent to NASIG-L and also installed in the top level of the NASIG gopher. The message was reviewed and edited several times during the year to reflect up-to-date membership and subscriber information numbers (currently at 1,037). A further revision will need to take place since implementation of NASIGWeb to provide necessary information about this new NASIGNET service.

4. Conference proposals:

The committee discussed and initially developed a preconference proposal for the 1996 Conference. After this proposal was reviewed by the PPC, it was re-cast into two hands-on training workshops on the World-Wide Web (one geared toward a beginning audience and the other for intermediates) and a concurrent session on collection development issues related to the Web. These proposals were accepted and the sessions will be presented at the 1996 Conference.

5. Other list-related changes

When lists were transferred from AMS to UNC, NASIG-L was reconfigured so that it became a moderated list for the first time. This means that all messages posted to the list are sent to the primary listowner for review before being distributed to all NASIG-L subscribers. Since the end of January 1996, approximately 350 messages have been reviewed by the primary listowner; most have been the result of automated error messages being directed back to the list address and have therefore been rejected. The policy described in the

NASIGNET Welcome message section 2.1 (NASIG-L Applications and Focus) is followed for approving/discarding messages posted to the list. Questionable messages are forwarded to the Board Liaison for further advice/feedback.

In March, a call was issued to the NASIG-EC list for volunteers willing to be trained in listowner responsibilities. Rick Ralston volunteered for this task; following the training period, he will work as a backup listowner along with Betty Landesman.

The NASIG-EC list, hosted at the University of Vermont since its inception, was formally moved to UNC in mid-April.

There has been discussion with Theresa Baker, Chair of the Database & Directory Committee, about accelerating the timetable for the annual purge of NASIG-L. If followed through, this plan calls for completing the purge before the annual conference in June, rather than waiting until after the conference as was done in previous years.

6. Gopher activities:

Maggie Rioux has been primary gophermaster this past year, with Donnice Cochenour serving as backup and trainee. Donnice will be taking over primary responsibilities next year. A new backup person/trainee will be recruited before July 1. After discussion at last June's committee meeting and further trials and electronic discussion, the gopher was restructured last fall into new categories and a new arrangement. A new section of time-sensitive announcements was added.

7. Electronic Services Moved from AMS to UNC:

After the arrangements were made with the School of Information and Library Science at the University of North Carolina by the Electronic Access Task Force (which included some ECC members), the committee oversaw the move of all of the NASIGNET services from AMS to UNC. This involved moving the gopher data, moving all of the mailing lists, sending an "all hands" flyer to NASIG members, re-writing the NASIG-L Welcome message and last, but not least, coordinating with our student system administrator at UNC and troubleshooting various problems. Our thanks to the folk at UNC SILS who helped make a complex job go smoothly.

8. New NASIG World-Wide Web Service

After the move to UNC, the ECC began discussion and planning for a World-Wide Web site for NASIG.

Issues which had to be resolved included security protection for those sections of the site which are private to members, while allowing the public full access (for the first time) to basic information about NASIG. A prototype was mounted and tested in early March and, once the server software was installed at UNC, moved there in early April. The site was announced to the Board on April 4 and to the membership at large on April 11. Enhancements to the site will continue steadily in the next few months. ECC members who worked on bringing up the Web site are Donnice Cochenour, Wendy Furman, Mike Randall, and Maggie Rioux.

9. Future issues:

The ECC would like to explore the possibility of putting additional resources on the Web site, such as the Membership Directory and interactive volunteer and HRD profile forms. As maintaining both the gopher and Web sites becomes more labor intensive, the ECC should also take a look at the current volunteer committee member model for maintenance and, in early 1997, review the continued necessity for and utility of the NASIG gopher.

The committee will also be considering whether to propose another preconference for the 1997 Conference and what other types of programs to propose. Another aspect to be considered by the committee in coming months will be cooperation with the Continuing Education Committee to identify programs or areas of interest that would be suitable for regional programs on the use of electronic communications for serialists.

NASIG NEWSLETTER EDITORIAL BOARD

Marguerite Horn, Editor-in-Chief

Members of the Editorial Board are: Maggie Horn (Editor-in-Chief), Steve Savage (Production Editor), Carol MacAdam (Columns Editor), Vikki Medaglia (Distribution Editor), and Julie Gammon (Board Liaison).

Last year was the year of personnel changes for the Board; this year was the year of personal changes for the Board. All four editors changed jobs; two changed states; three changed institutions -- how's that for a logic puzzle! Despite that, the Board continued to get the Newsletter out on time, mostly.

This was a year which saw another "first" with the publication of a supplement accompanying the

December issue, containing the NASIG Strategic Plan.

We were charged with investigating desktop publishing programs and reported to the Executive Board that at this time such programs were unadvisable. Wordprocessing packages have advanced enough that we are able to accomplish some of the simpler design features of the desktop publishing packages. Further, should the time come when we need to advertize for a new Production Editor, the requirements for equipment and experience might excessively narrow the potential pool of volunteers (and NASIG runs on volunteers!).

In the coming months, we look forward to working with our "Webmeisters" on the steps necessary to produce not only the gopher version of the Newsletter but the Web version as well, which will allow us to retain the few graphics which we have started to incorporate into the Newsletter.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

Steve Murden, Chair

With the posted results of the recent elections, the Nominations and Elections Committee completed its major task for the year. The committee members were: Steve Murden (Chair), October Ivins (Board Liaison), Emma Cuesta, Barbara Hall, Marcella Leshner, Mike Somers, Marjorie Wilhite, and Sue Williams.

The initial Call for Nominations was issued from the podium by outgoing Chair Marty Gordon at the 10th Annual Conference, at Duke University, and nomination forms were made available to conference attendees. Additional nomination forms were sent to the membership as part of the September 1995 issue of the NASIG Newsletter. The initial deadline of October 15 was extended to October 31, when the Newsletter was delayed. By that date, nine members had submitted a total of forty-three individuals for sixty-three possible ballot slots. With considerable overlap of nominees, the following suggestions were made for the Committee to pursue: one for Vice President only; one for Vice President and Secretary; one for Vice President and Member-at-Large; five for Vice President, Secretary, and Member-at-Large; three for Secretary only; eight for Secretary and Member-at-Large; twenty-four for Member-at-Large only.

All nominees were then asked about their willingness to continue in the nomination process. Eighteen

nominees declined to be further reviewed for any position, and nominees for multiple offices declined for five additional slots. Three individuals initially accepted review for the office of President, three for Secretary, and twenty-two for Member-at-Large. Three of them subsequently withdrew their names from consideration for four ballot slots, before formal Committee deliberations commenced. The remaining nominees submitted detailed profile sheets and position statements. After an intensive review of the documentation by all members of the Committee, ten of the nominees were recommended to and approved by the Executive Board for ballot slating.

A total of 870 ballots were mailed on February 23, 1996, to be returned postmarked no later than March 22. A total of 489 ballots were on time, two were received on time but disqualified, and one was mailed several weeks after the postmark deadline. The response rate of 56% is slightly below the previous year's 60%. The results of the election, as posted to NASIG-L on April 4, 1996, were:

Vice-President/President Elect
& President/Past President

SUSAN DAVIS

State University of New York at Buffalo

Secretary

CONNIE FOSTER

Western Kentucky University

Members-at-Large

JEAN S. CALLAGHAN

Wheaton College

CAROL PITTS DIEDRICH

The Ohio State University

ANN ERCELAWN

Vanderbilt University

The committee continued and refined changes made under Marty Gordon's leadership the previous year. Recommended further enhancements to the process will be forwarded to next year's Chair.

NASIG's nomination and election process is considerably different than in many professional organizations. With an open call for nominations, it is a very democratic process, involving the entire membership. This openness, however, does place an increased responsibility on the shoulders of the members of the Nominations and Elections Committee. They are each to be congratulated for the many hours of hard work that went into the process at every step.

As Chair, there are individuals who deserve my thanks for their assistance throughout the year: Marty Gordon for his valuable assistance in the transition and his thorough archive of past Committee activities; Theresa Baker for supplying mailing labels in such a (seemingly) effortless manner; Steve Oberg for his calm and speedy replies to my attacks of electronic panic; Julie Gammon for her continually positive attitude and her valuable comments in the face of deadline panic. Finally, a special thanks goes to October Ivins for her intimate knowledge of established NASIG procedures and for her constancy and encouragement through a sometimes overwhelming process.

The credentials of this year's balloted candidates reflect the individual strengths that continue to make NASIG a vital organization. The committee's thanks go to all those NASIG members who submitted names for nomination, to those nominees who agreed to be further considered, to those who agreed to serve as the slated candidates, and to those who cast their ballots. NASIG will continue to be led by another strong Executive Board.

PROGRAM PLANNING COMMITTEE

Karen Cargille and Christa Reinke, Co-chairs

The Program Planning Committee (PPC) once again used the two subcommittee structure for the Program Planning Committee. The workshops subcommittee was chaired by Christa Reinke and included members Ann Ercelawn, Lisa Macklin, Bob Persing, and Pat Wallace. The plenaries/concurrents subcommittee was chaired by Karen Cargille, and included members Cindy Hepfer, John Harrison, and Pamela Simpson. The membership was a nice mix of experienced program planners and those new to the process. Our Board Liaison was last year's Co-Chair Bobbie Carlson. The committee owes Bobbie its thanks and gratitude for her good advice and for her continuing support in communicating our progress to the NASIG Board.

This year's committee began its work with a joint meeting with the Albuquerque CPC at the Duke Conference. This meeting was important to our success since it allowed us to begin brainstorming early in the process and to have at least some face-to-face contact before we launched into our task of program development. The Albuquerque CPC was already well on its way to developing the evening activity plans by the time of that June meeting, so they were able to provide PPC with the skeletal structure for the conference from our first meeting.

In order to help assess the proposals that were due to arrive in August, PPC took as its first task to develop a schedule for the meeting. By taking this approach we knew from the start how many and what kinds of proposals we needed for the various sessions. Since the climate and altitude were expected to be tiring for members, we tried to create a schedule with more free time for relaxing. This year's schedule includes longer breaks, does not repeat the concurrent sessions, and does repeat workshops on the same day, but not back-to-back. A short break at the end of the day along with flexible start times for the evening activities should provide enough time for people to take a leisurely approach to the conference.

Once again we received almost 60 proposals for preconference, plenary, concurrent, and workshop sessions. The proposals were distributed to the committee in August and our work began in earnest. The program itself was developed on e-mail almost exclusively using a NASIGNET listserv developed for our committee. We found the committee listserv a very effective easy way to keep in touch. As a co-chair in the west, I was especially grateful for e-mail since it eliminated the problem of trying to reach people in the early afternoon prime window for phoning.

This year the co-chairs of PPC were invited to attend the fall NASIG Board meeting which was held at the conference site in Albuquerque. This meeting provided a very important opportunity for PPC and CPC to once again meet and work out responsibilities for the conference. In addition, PPC presented a draft program to the NASIG Board for their consideration and suggestion. We strongly encourage the NASIG Board to continue to hold the fall Board meeting at the conference site and to invite the PPC Co-Chairs to attend. After that meeting we were able to finalize the program quite quickly, and we were able to meet our deadline of mid-December for the conference brochure copy.

The workshop group implemented several changes for 1996 in response to participant comments on the 1995 session. One goal was to make workshops less lecture-like. In pursuit of this goal we reduced the average number of leaders per workshop and have used our correspondence with workshop leaders to emphasize the importance of collegiality in workshops. In response to complaints about the uneven quality of speakers, we re-instituted reference checks of potential speakers. Finally we responded to general sentiment and moved the ECC's Internet presentations into the body of the conference, rather than presenting them as preconferences with additional costs and time commitment for attendees. For the first time we are offering the Internet presentations as hands-on, limited-attendance workshops, rather than lectures. Ensuring access to computers for these workshops has been challenging for both CPC and PPC, and we feel that much of our success can be attributed to the early and constant communication between the two committees and our face to face meetings.

We would like to thank the NASIG Board for their continuing support and advice at crucial points in our year of program development. We would also like to thank the Co-Chairs of the Conference Planning Committee for their unfailing cheerful response to every question we have posed to them. It has been a real pleasure to work with such a great group of people. We believe that we have planned a conference that will be both useful and fun, with enough time for relaxing and enjoying the beauty of the southwest. We hope you all enjoy your time at UNM June 20-23, 1996.

NASIG 10TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE (1995): CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

Mary Ann Sheble, University of Detroit Mercy Libraries

Editing Serials to the Tenth Power: Tradition, Technology, and Transformation was the second time around for Beth Holley and Mary Ann Sheble as NASIG Conference Proceedings Editors. We learned a great deal during the editorial process for the 1994/95 proceedings and were anxious to apply some of the knowledge that we gained during that first year to put out an even better edition of the proceedings for 1995/96.

NASIG Conference Proceedings Editors are selected in February and begin their work in early spring. During the first week of April, plenary and concurrent session presenters were contacted and information packets were mailed. The packets

REGIONAL COUNCILS AND MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Joyce Tenney, Chair

Members were: Joyce Tenney (Chair), Kat McGrath (Board Liaison), Judy Johnson, Don Jaegar, David Fritsch, Beth Holley, Ann Nez, Katy Nelson, Jeri Van Goethem, and Pamela Morgan

Regional Councils and Membership had an active year with a great committee. In 1995/96, we revised the membership brochure and had it reprinted. We contacted those folks attending our last annual conference who were not members of NASIG and invited them to join our organization. The committee assumed the task of sending out new member packets to those who have recently joined NASIG, and we authored a letter to state and provincial representatives on our committee to explain their duties and ask for input to make the committee better.

We established a working relationship with Continuing Education by providing them with a listing of library and library related meetings in North America, and we will assist them with publicity or local arrangements for their programs as needed.

The Strategic Plan outlines some new tasks for this group next year and expands the role of Regional Councils. It is an active group that broadens the visibility of NASIG at state, regional and provincial meetings in North America. I am pleased to report that Judy Johnson will assume the chair of this committee. She will do a great job in moving this committee forward.

included guidelines for submitting papers, copyright forms, and a sample paper from the 1994/95 proceedings. An attempt was made to resolve any copyright problems anticipated by contributors. During the last week of April, the conference registrar mailed a preliminary list of conference registrants to us and the search began for volunteers to serve as workshop recorders. By the end of the first week of May, we had the required twenty workshop recorders, plus recorders for the preconference sessions. Information packets were mailed to these volunteers.

The timeline for submitting the manuscript of the Proceedings to Haworth is extremely tight and for

the second year, we dealt with many individuals with very busy schedules who had difficulty meeting the deadline for submitting their papers. "Papers difficult to obtain" was at the top of our list of editorial difficulties again this year. The majority of workshop and preconference reports were submitted to us by the designated date. One plenary session paper was handed to us at the conference. Through consistent communication and offers to help place citations into final form and other assistance, we were able to negotiate deadlines that worked for the majority of plenary and concurrent session presenters.

Despite all of our attempts, it became apparent during the second week in August that we would not be receiving four papers. We contacted the Editor of the NASIG Newsletter for the names of the newsletter reporters who had covered these four presentations. These individuals were contacted and asked if they would write expanded summaries of their newsletter reports for the Proceedings. We were very fortunate that all four individuals were willing to submit summaries on short notice.

We anticipate that "difficult to obtain papers" will remain high on the list of problems for future NASIG Proceedings Editors. In an effort to arrive at a partial solution, we recommended to the NASIG Board that members of the Conference Planning Committee obtain a clear statement from each speaker on whether or not a paper will be submitted for the proceedings. If the answer is no, then other avenues could be explored from the very beginning of the editorial process. Recorders could possibly be assigned to these sessions, and agreements made with speakers for providing recorders with handouts and other assistance.

"Copyright problems" came in as a close second on our list of editorial difficulties this year. The Haworth Press and NASIG copyright agreements are somewhat unusual in that Proceedings authors retain the copyright to their submissions. The Haworth Press is granted first-print rights, and NASIG obtains the right to mount the proceedings on the NASIG gopher. We, along with our NASIG Board liaison and other NASIG Board members, spent many hours answering questions related to the Haworth and NASIG copyright agreements and attempting to resolve problems. Some of the statements on these agreements were revised for the 1996/97 Proceedings. We believe that these revisions will make it easier for contributors to understand the agreements they are asked to sign.

When we edited the 1994/95 Proceedings, we were both working at the University of Alabama Libraries. This year, one of us is in Michigan and the other is in Alabama. Since we had a routine from last year, we were able to work across distance. We would not, however, recommend co-editors at separate institutions. Working on an editorial project of this scope on a tight timeline across distance proved to be much more of a challenge than either of us anticipated.

The manuscript of the 1995/96 Proceedings was submitted to the Haworth Press in September. In addition to twenty workshop reports, the 1995/96 Proceedings includes contributions from eight plenary session speakers, thirteen concurrent session speakers, and three preconference session reports. This is the largest number of papers in a volume of the NASIG Proceedings to date.

Serving as NASIG Proceedings editors is a year long commitment. Following the submission of the manuscript to Haworth, the NASIG Proceedings Editor's Manual was updated, the electronic version of the Proceedings was prepared for the Electronic Communications Committee to mount on the NASIG gopher, and a report on the editorial process was prepared for the NASIG Board. Proofs of the Proceedings arrived in January for a final round of copy editing. Indexing was completed by NASIG volunteer, Robert Persing. This was Robert's second year as the Proceedings indexer.

The Proceedings were published during the last of April as volume 28 of The Serials Librarian. The proceedings were also issued as a separate hardbound volume by Haworth under the title, "Serials to the Tenth Power: Tradition, Technology, and Transformation." NASIG members are entitled to a 50% discount on the price of the hardbound volume. The volume can be obtained by contacting the Haworth Press.

We found our two years as editors to be immensely rewarding. We learned a great deal about writing, editing, and publishing. But perhaps the most rewarding aspect of the process was the opportunity to work closely with NASIG members and other proceedings contributors. While we are pleased to reshelve our now well-worn copies of The Chicago Manual of Style and retire from our editorial role, we are looking forward to becoming involved in other NASIG activities.

NASIG 11TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE (1996):
Schedule of User Groups and Networking Nodes (Final List)
Susan Davis, NASIG Secretary

USER GROUP MEETINGS

Sunday, June 23 1-2p.m.

AMERITECH LIBRARY SERVICES/NOTIS LMS
Helen Gbala, Ameritech Library Services

CARL
Joyce Tenney, University of Maryland Baltimore
County

DRA
June Chressenthis, Mississippi State University

ENDEAVOR VOYAGER
Maggie Rioux, Woods Hole Oceanographic
Institution

INNOVATIVE INTERFACES, INC.
Sandy Westall, III

PALS
Roger Presley, Georgia State University

NETWORKING NODES

Saturday, June 22 3:45-5:15 p.m.

CONTRACTING FOR SERIALS SERVICES
Debbie Sibley, University of Massachusetts
Roberta Winjum, University of Hawaii at Manoa

EDIFACT Implementation
Jane Maddox and Friedemann Weigel,
Harrassowitz

GETTING PUBLISHED
Cindy Hepfer, Serials Review

**HOLDINGS INTEGRATION--MERGING THE NISO
HOLDINGS STANDARDS**
Marjorie Bloss, Center for Research Libraries
Helen Gbala, Ameritech Library Services
Suzanne Thomas, University of Pittsburgh

**PARAPROFESSIONAL CONCERNS: CHANGE,
COMMUNICATION, ROLE IN SERIALS
MANAGEMENT**
Kathy Sweet, Phoenix College

**SERIAL VENDOR TRANSFERS: EVALUATION,
CONSIDERATIONS
and Warnings**
Arney Park, Kent State University

SERIALS CATALOGING DISCUSSION GROUP
Steve Oberg, University of Chicago
Pamela Simpson, Pennsylvania State University

UNION LISTING
Cathy Kellum, SOLINET
Marjorie Mann, National Library of Medicine

NASIG 12TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE (1997):
CALL FOR PAPERS WORKSHOPS, AND PRECONFERENCES

"Experimentation and Collaboration: Creating Serials for a New Millennium"

The North American Serials Interest Group (NASIG), an organization that serves the interests of U.S., Canadian and Mexican members of the serials information chain, will hold its 12th Annual Conference, May 29-June 1, on the campus of the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, a center of technological and intellectual experimentation and development. NASIG's annual conference provides a forum in which librarians, publishers, vendors, educators, binders, systems developers, and other serials specialists exchange views, present new

ideas, proactively seek solutions to common problems, and discuss matters of current interest. The proceedings are published in Serials Librarian and in electronic format on the NASIG web site.

NASIG's Program Planning Committee invites proposals for plenary papers and preconferences that deal with "big picture" aspects of the theme. We are especially interested in papers or preconference ideas that will examine the experiments and collaborations which will shape serials

and communication in the next millennium.
Examples:

- coping with the "digital shift"
- cataloging and organizing evolving forms of information
- innovative partnerships for information management
- the blurring of librarian/vendor/publisher roles
- new technologies and their effects on the flow of information
- ensuring the security of digital information
- issues in government publishing
- licensing of information

The Committee also invites workshop and preconference proposals that will provide practical ideas and assistance in preparing for and adjusting to change as the new millennium approaches. Workshop leaders share their experience in a collegial setting and facilitate related discussion with those in attendance. Examples:

- new technologies/services/software packages/ standards
- managing in times of change
- meeting the challenges of archiving digital information
- experiments and innovations in technical processing, public service, and administration
- underground/alternative press publications
- charging for and paying for electronic publications
- new models for the business of serials

NASIG invites anyone in the information community to submit proposals and suggest topics/speakers. The Program Planning Committee reserves the right to combine, blend, or refocus proposals to maximize program breadth and relevance to our membership. As a result, only one presenter from proposals submitted by teams may be invited to participate. Since proposals are reviewed competitively, please include complete information for maximum consideration:

- name, address, telephone/fax numbers, and e-address of the proposer(s)
- program title
- a 200-300 word abstract clearly explaining the proposal and, if appropriate, its relevance to the theme
- a prioritized preference for the proposal: plenary, workshop or preconference

Proposals should be submitted, via e-mail if possible, no later than August 1, 1996 to Connie Foster, NASIG Secretary to receive consideration. Send proposals to Connie Foster, Serials Supervisor, Helm-Cravens Library 306, One Big Red Way, Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, KY 42101; e-mail:

rfosterc@wkyuvm.wku.edu

NASIG JOINS THE WORLD WIDE WEB

Maggie Rioux, ECC co-chair

The Electronic Communications Committee takes extreme pride in announcing the birth of NASIGWeb - the new NASIG site on the World-Wide Web. The URL is:

<http://nasig.ils.unc.edu>

NASIGWeb came online in early April. In it you'll find information about NASIG as well as conference proceedings, Newsletter issues, links to other organizations' web sites, etc. There are some items which will be familiar from the NASIG gopher and also some new ones.

One new feature is that much of NASIGWeb is open to persons who aren't (yet) NASIG members, so enabling you to refer potential members straight to the Web for information. Open to the public are items such as an online membership brochure, committee and board lists and citations to the published conference Proceedings volumes.

Some parts of the site are limited to members and are protected by password. These include the full text of Conference Proceedings, Newsletter issues, NASIGNET and Beyond and the NASIGNET User Guide. A link at the top of the starter page links directly to the most recent issues of the Newsletter. When you click on the link to any of these items you will be asked for a username and password. For username, enter the word nasigweb in all lower case. For password, use the name of the city where our June conference will be held. Use all lower case, except for the final letter. For example, if this were last year, the password would be durhaM (each year on July 1 the password will be changed to the next year's conference city). Most web browsers will cache this information so that you will only need to enter the username and password once per

session -- the first time you click on something in the "members area."

Even though the new web site is officially up and running, there are some areas that are still "under construction." The NASIG 2000 Strategic Plan has not yet been converted to Web form. This will take place over the next few months. Also, for Newsletter issues prior to 1996, the web site provides a link to the gopher version. Conference Proceedings links also connect to the gopher version. Future conference Proceedings may stay on the gopher as well (gopher lends itself to serving up large portions of straight text); however in the near future, the web-to-gopher links on the Proceedings will be changed to having the full title pages and tables of contents on the web with clickable links to each paper.

At the bottom of the home page, you'll find a "mailto" link to webspinner. Please feel free to use this link to send comments and also to let us know about typos, etc.

Thanks are owed to the ECC Web Group for their work on getting the site up and running: Donnice Cochenour, Marilyn Geller (consultant to the group), Wendy Moore, Mike Randall and myself. Also thanks to the rest of the ECC for their timely comments and suggestions. A big thank you and tip of the hat also to the folks at the University of North Carolina School of Information and Library Science who provide the hardware, software and support services for all NASIGNET electronic services and who installed the web server software to our specifications.

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TITLE CHANGES

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Congratulations and best wishes to all!

Beginning March 11, 1996, *ADRIAN ALEXANDER* became Western Sales Manager for Swets Subscription Services. Adrian was previously Sales Manager of the Western Region for the Faxon Company. Adrian writes that he looks forward to working with many old NASIG friends in the West and Midwest and hopes to make some new friends along the trail. Adrian's new addresses are:

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JOE ALTIMUS started his new position as Dataloads Analyst at the Research Libraries Group on October 16, 1995. He was previously Serials Cataloger at the University of Oregon. Joe writes that he is enjoying this new opportunity to apply his knowledge of the MARC format and experience with local systems while acquiring new skills in data conversion and increased systems experience. He has not lost his interest in serials, and intends to continue contributing to serials librarianship in various ways. Joe's new addresses are:

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As of February 5, 1996, *LINDA ARNOLD* has been promoted to Program Manager, Member Relations at OCLC in Dublin OH, from being Resource Sharing Section Manager there. Linda now reports to Liz Bishoff, Vice President, Member Relations. Linda writes, "My new duties include coordinating the OCLC library-type advisory committees such as Research Libraries Advisory Committee, Advisory Committee on Special Libraries, Advisory

Committee on College and University Libraries, and Advisory Committee on Public Libraries. I will also be monitoring legislative issues and working with state libraries. Quite a change from many years of staff management in cataloging and resource sharing, but a very exciting and stimulating change for me. I will continue to be interested in serials -- once a serials librarian always a serials librarian. I also intend to stay a member of NASIG as I firmly believe in the mission." Linda can be reached at the following addresses:

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THERESA BAKER had added to her title and responsibilities at the University of Kansas Medical Center. She is now Head of Acquisitions/Interlibrary Services where she was previously Head of Acquisitions. Theresa wrote: "I took over management of Interlibrary Services on January 1, 1996. When the position became open, it was decided that we should combine Acquisitions and Interlibrary Services with me as the Head. We are preparing to move away from purchasing journals and towards providing access to documents. So, now I am dealing with document delivery suppliers in addition to serial and book vendors! It's been fun learning about the interlibrary loan side of things. Hectic but fun. My phone numbers are the same but my e-mail address is now: tbaker@kumc.edu."

PAT BANACH became Head of Cataloging at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, in November, 1994, upon the retirement of Irene Kavanaugh who had 37 years of service to the library. "Suffice it to say that I could never 'replace' Irene with her years of experience, but I have been doing my best to lead and serve the Cataloging Department during this period of fast-paced change." Pat's new phone number is: (413) 545-2728.

Effective August 1, 1996, *DEBORAH BROADWATER* is now Head of Technical Services at Vanderbilt University, having been Acting Head since February 1, 1996. She had been Acquisitions/Serials Librarian there. Deborah's new position comes about through reorganization at Vanderbilt. Previously, the acquisitions and serials,

cataloging, processing/binding and preservation, archives and historical collections and collection development were under the management of the Head of Collections Management. With the abolishment of that position came the decision to separate the technical services operations from archives and historical collections, thereby creating the position of Head of Technical Services. Deborah writes, "The appointment means that in addition to the management of the acquisitions, serials, binding and preservation, and processing, I am responsible for the management of the cataloging and authorities work for the library. The Technical Services team consists of two librarians and five library assistants. Collection development is now handled by five teams. I chair the Serials Team and serve as a member of the Educational Software team. As head of a division, I also serve as a member of the Management Team." Deborah's addresses remain the same.

VIVIAN BUELL BERNSTEIN writes: "On May 12 I will receive my MS in Management and Policy from the State University of New York at Stony Brook. While working on the degree (full-time) I was a marketing intern for the Office of Conferences and Special Events at the University. I developed a sales brochure and various marketing materials for them and conducted a direct mail campaign. On March 25 I joined the staff of the Publishing Business Office of the American Institute of Physics in Woodbury, NY, as Publishing Business Analyst. My initial responsibilities will be to work with the new publisher and the financial staff to conduct a complete operational review and analysis of the AIP Press program. I am trying to develop improved financial reporting as well as review current policies and practices. I am learning a ton of neat stuff! This position is mainly concerned with book publishing activity. This requires interface with production, management, outside distributors (would you believe booksellers?), and agents. This is a new position so we are evolving as we go. Our goal is to develop a sound and robust book publishing program to enhance our strong journals position. I feel very lucky to be in a position which will allow me to use what I learned in my 'past life' as a bookseller [Ballen], as well as to apply the analytical skills I have been struggling to master for the past two years. How's that for being in the right place at the right time!!" Vivian's new addresses:

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From **DANIEL BURGARD** we learn that he started his new job as Psychology Subject Specialist at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign about six months ago. Daniel had been Serials Librarian at Texas State Technical College for a few months and a reference librarian at Oklahoma State University Library for four and a half years. Currently, he does collection development, faculty liaison, reference, and cataloging for psychology. Daniel writes: "It's quite holistic here! I would say 50% of my time is taken up dealing with serials. Most of this is spent trying find creative ways to stay within my budget. I am also having fun working on introducing library school students here to the wonderful world of journal price increases." Daniel sends his fellow NASIGers a call for humor. "I would like people to send me humorous examples of things they come across when dealing with serials. This could be letters, stories, etc. I have the best time just laughing at some of the things I come across when working with my serials. I am collecting this kind of stuff for some unknown reason. Maybe sometime I will get to share it with people." Send your serials anecdotes to Dan at dburgard@uiuc.edu, and: (217) 244-1866.

HUI-YEE CHANG is now Principal Cataloger at McHenry Library at the University of California, Santa Cruz. She started her new job on May 1, 1996. Hui-Yee was previously Serials Catalog Librarian at the University of Wyoming in Laramie, WY. Her new addresses:

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ISABEL CZECH is now Director of Publisher Relations at the Institute for Scientific Information, where she was previously a Senior Manager in the same department. Isabel writes: "My promotion went into effect in June of 1995. I'm responsible for both publisher relations and editorial development, which means that in addition to trying to meet the needs of the nearly 3,000 publishers whose publications are included in ISI products, I direct the department which makes all of the coverage decisions for Current Contents, the Science Citation Index and all other ISI products." Isabel's e-mail and phone addresses remain the same, and she says, "See you in New Mexico."

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ANNAMARIE ERICKSON began her "chance of a lifetime job" on November 1, 1995. She is Membership Services Liaison/Automation Technology Specialist at the Chicago Library System. This is a new position at CLS, created for Annamarie, and it makes good use of all her experience as Serials Librarian at Wright College in Chicago. CLS is part of the Illinois State Library and offers its members many services, including group automation using the CLS server running Ameritech's Horizon system. Among Annamarie's many tasks as a liaison are guiding the libraries that use the automation service, facilitating use of FIRSTSEARCH among the CLS libraries in a project funded for the Illinois State Library, visiting member libraries to discuss automation and retrospective conversion projects. In addition she gives seminars, provides video-conferencing, and as CLS becomes an Internet node, will be webmaster. An adjunct faculty member of the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at Rosary College, Annamarie continues to teach one class each semester. She says she will remain a NASIG member and looks forward to being able to attend more conferences. Annamarie's new work addresses are:

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From *CON JAGER* we hear that "After four years as Market Development Manager for the Netherlands with the British firm 'Automated Library Systems' I am leaving to return to the USA. We have enjoyed living in Holland but are moving now to Anchorage, Alaska because of my wife's job; plus we have family up there. I regret leaving my job, but the company is not active in the USA, so I'll take my chances on finding something else. After all, there are libraries even in the Arctic." We have an Internet address for Con:

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consultation needs of libraries in the SOLINET service area. And, of course, she will also continue to teach workshops and other training sessions in addition to her new duties! She writes: "We've recently reorganized the OCLC Services Department at SOLINET, splitting our two primary functions of training and support. While our trainers will still continue to serve on Help Desk duty so that we continue to maintain that contact with our members' needs, splitting the two functions will allow more continuity and follow-through with support questions from the libraries, and also allow the trainers to spend more time on preparing new workshops and redesigning the 'old favorite' workshops to keep them up-to-date." Cathy's directory information remains the same, including her e-mail address:
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CHERYL MIDDLETON was hired in August of 1995 as a Life Sciences Librarian in the Reference Department at Oregon State University. She had been a Graduate Assistant at Louisiana State University. Cheryl writes: "The subject areas that I am responsible for collecting, providing reference service and instruction are: medicine, exercise & sport science, food and nutrition and pharmacy. Our organization is team-based and I am a member of the Instruction and Training Team. The IAT team is responsible for seeing that the training needs of students, faculty and staff of OSU are met in the areas of computing services, telecommunications, library bibliographic instruction and communications media. Recently, I was asked to begin coordinating the Library Instruction portion of Instruction and Training. I am still very interested in serials and hope to begin working with serials ranking data that our collection services department is collecting from departmental faculty on campus. In June 1996, the Valley Library will begin a \$40 million expansion project that will turn our library into a state-of-the-art information commons. As you can tell, I am very enthusiastic about my new position. There is a lot of room for professional development at the OSU Libraries." Cheryl can be reached at:
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While **SHEILA MORAN** was pursuing her degree in Library Science, she worked as a Senior Assistant Librarian for Acquisitions at Massachusetts General Hospital. She received her MLIS in December 1994 from the University of Rhode Island and was promoted to the Serials Librarian position in the Spring of 1995. Sheila's addresses remain the same.

NANCY NEWSOME writes: "I began my duties here at Western Carolina University on July 1, 1995. I basically moved from an upper level paraprofessional position at the University of North Carolina, Charlotte to a professional position after receiving my MLS about 3 years ago. Although I miss the wonderful people in Charlotte, it has meant a very positive change for me both professionally and personally as my family has been able to move from a noisy, growing city with all its problems to a quiet, beautiful, rural setting in the beautiful southern Appalachian Mountains with its expressions of community. And at the same time I get to continue doing work that I truly enjoy. Nancy's new addresses are:

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As of May 1, 1996 **BOB PERSING's** title is Head of Serials Acquisitions at the University of Pennsylvania Libraries. He was previously Assistant Head of Serials. Bob now has responsibility for all the day-to-day operations of the department, which include serials ordering, receipt and cataloging. Bob's phone and e-mail addresses remain the same: persing@pobox.upenn.edu and 215-898-2815. Check out Bob's home page at: <http://pobox.upenn.edu/~persing>.

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TRINA RICHARD has a new job. She started at Ryerson Polytechnic University in August of 1995 as a Contract Cataloguer, working on the recently acquired Ministry of Citizenship (Ontario) collection. One month later, the Cataloguing Librarian Ross Thrasher got a new job in Calgary. Trina applied for that position, and was hired in October. Prior to joining Ryerson, Trina was a Cataloger at the University of Toronto. She writes: "I am now overseeing the cataloguing operations at Ryerson, which is a fairly new department to this library. Bibliocentre did the cataloguing up until 1993, when Ryerson switched from DOBIS to DRA. This position is a terrific challenge and I am really enjoying the work, and the people. I am a research assistant in the Bibliographic Displays research project with Prof. Joan Cherry and Dean Lynne Howarth at the Faculty of Information Studies, University of Toronto. I also teach part-time evenings in the Library Technician Diploma Programme at Seneca College in North York. Ryerson Polytechnic University Library is located at:

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MAGGIE RIOUX, Information Systems Librarian at the Marine Biological Laboratory/ Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution Library, received in April 1996 the Distinguished Alumna Award from The University of Rhode Island Graduate School of Library and Information Studies. The award is issued "in appreciation and recognition of outstanding professional commitment and distinguished achievements in the field of library and information science." Maggie can be reached at:

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ELENA ROMANIUK writes: "My title and responsibilities have changed. As a result of reorganization and due to the retirement of the Director of Technical Services, I was asked to assume responsibility for the Acquisitions Unit in addition to already having responsibility for the Serials Unit. In fact the two Units became one department. This change became official January 1, 1996." Elena's addresses at the University of Victoria remain the same.

MELODIE SALZER was previously Serials Librarian at Connecticut College. Her new title is Serials/Acquisitions Librarian there. Melodie writes: "I will officially take over the Acquisitions Department July 1, but I am doing some of the work now. What it all means is that up until last September I was Serials Librarian part-time. Then the college made me full-time, but also increased my responsibilities to include head of Acquisitions. My duties include overseeing all aspects of the Serials Department (acquisitions, cataloging, check-in, accounting, binding) and the Acquisitions Department (acquisitions and accounting for monographs). I supervise 2 FTE and about 6 student workers. I do reference work, collection development for anthropology and sociology, and serve on several committees." Melodie's e-mail remains the same:

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DEBBIE SIBLEY writes, "I want to share the news that in January 1996, I was promoted to a new position in my library. My new title (Deputy Director/Associate Director for Access Services) reflects the fact that I get to manage all of the daily operations of the library as well as all of the operations in Technical Services, Interlibrary Loan/Document Delivery, and Circulation. The new job is challenging to say the least, but lots of fun. It'll be even more fun when we've recruited my replacement for the Acquisitions/Collection Control Librarian and we have a head of technical processing again." Debbie's addresses remain:

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WILL WAKELING's new title is Assistant Director of Information Services (Collection Management) at the University of Birmingham, UK, where his title was previously Head of Collection Management. Will's e-mail address is the same:

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BETH WESTON writes: "My old title was Coordinator of Serials Acquisitions, at the University of Delaware Library. Effective February 12, 1996, my title changed to Serials Librarian, and I moved to Gelman Library, at George Washington University. In my position at Gelman Library I am responsible for serials technical and public services. The periodicals public services unit also handles some document delivery functions, and manages full-text newspaper workstations." Beth's new mailing addresses are:

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loved working with serials for 7 years but was ready for a change. I have found that I like working with the students and faculty on a closer basis than I had the chance to in serials. The new serials librarian here has gotten information from NASIG on being a member too. Besides all this going on I just got married in April. It has been and is a busy and exciting time for me." Martha can be reached at:

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SERIALS RELATED REPORTS

1996 LAPT RESEARCH AWARD RECIPIENT NAMED

Carol Pitts Diedrichs

Library Acquisitions: Practice & Theory (LAPT) is pleased to announce the recipient of the 1996 Research Award, **Tschera Harkness Connell**. Dr. Connell is Assistant Professor at the Kent State University School of Library and Information Science.

Her proposal, "Effects of Series Authority Control for Acquisitions," has been funded as the 1996 Library Acquisitions: Practice & Theory Research Award. The study "grew out of the 1993 proposal from the Library of Congress to discontinue series authority work. [A subsequent decision was made in Fall 1994 that LC would continue to provide added entries and series authorities.]

This study will address such questions as to what extent (if any) will eliminating series authority control increase the potential for duplicates in the acquisition process? Specifically, the issue will be examined in the context of approval plans. Is it possible that series control is monitored sufficiently by the vendors for purposes of preventing unwanted duplicates?"

To quote one of LAPT's reviewers, "this is an original area and breaks new ground, looking at a valuable combination of variables in an area of emerging importance." Another reviewer indicates that "it addresses an issue of importance to all libraries, and can provide data that may influence LC policy/practice."

REPORT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM SERIALS GROUP CONFERENCE 1996

Keele University, Staffordshire
Ros Doig, University of Derby

The venue for this year's conference was not far from Stoke-on-Trent in an area of England known as the Potteries. It is famous for its wealth of bone china and earthenware factories boasting such names as Wedgwood, Doultton, and Coalport.

Keele University itself is set in the spacious grounds of Keele Hall -- the mansion and gardens remain and were the setting for the social gatherings of the conference.

As usual the conference was well supported by its exhibition and workshops. The former introduced us to the latest in e-journal and other IT developments. The latter embraced such a collection of interesting topics that it was hard to know what to choose. The various groups discussed cataloguing of e-journals, subscription prices, training, serial sources on the Internet, setting up a Web page, and so on.

There were more newcomers to the conference this year than ever before and some familiar faces were missing. It's always a pleasure though, to meet new colleagues from the serials world and catch up with old acquaintances, which for me turned out to be a friend from Australia whom I hadn't seen for some fifteen years. Now thanks to e-mail we hope to keep in touch. She worked with me many years ago when I was a children's librarian -- now we both work in serials!

As for the papers this year, they blended together so well that the edges have become blurred, and I confess a certain difficulty in putting together an account of them. One thing was noticeable -- most of the talks were well supported by overhead visual presentations and packed with so many points that I found myself scribbling away and not listening to what was being said. I shall have to adopt another technique for note taking!

Allan Foster, the librarian from Keele University set the tone in his keynote address, "What is the role for libraries in the electronic landscape?" As a fellow academic librarian much of what he said was familiar: financial constraints versus rising subscription prices, how to handle the explosion of developments in IT, the growing demand for electronic information. We need "quality gateways and better search engines." Then there is the shift from teaching to learning, increase in networking facilities, the change in resource provision from just-in-case to just-in-time and not least the problem of training library staff to cope with it all. I'm sure some of these issues are current amongst North American colleagues too.

There then followed a series of papers on the impact of the Higher Education Funding Council for England's (HEFCE) pilot site licence scheme. Mr. Bekhradnia, the Director of Policy, spoke about the scheme involving three major publishers: Academic Press, Institute of Physics Publishing and Blackwell Publishing. Subscriptions to the print version from these come at discounted prices with free access to the electronic formats with enhanced copyright concessions. He indicated that at the end of the three year trial period, the scheme would probably be taken over by the Standing Conference of National and University Libraries (SCONUL).

He was followed by Fred Friend from University College, University of London, giving the librarian's view. He on the whole welcomed the scheme, but, on a personal note, I would add that the savings it will produce depend on the size and range of the serials collection in an individual university. John Merriman, Secretary of the Association of Subscription Agents, explained the difficulties the inception of the scheme had had for his members. Librarians and agents had not taken part in drawing up the scheme so there had been consequences for both these groups when the details were announced. There had also been difficulties in negotiating copyright deals with the publishers which had not helped. Rene Oliveri, Managing Director of Blackwells Publishing, gave his views as a publisher in the scheme, with the view that site licences and the lesser costs of producing e-journals could be beneficial to publisher and librarians alike. The formal proceedings ended on Monday with product reviews from the exhibition.

Monday itself finished with a Welcome Reception, dinner, quiz, and disco. The quiz in particular is

becoming a firm favourite in the social programme! Workshop sessions took place on Tuesday morning and afternoon with further papers following both. My choices for workshops were both extremely informative. Will Wakeling, UKSG Chairman, had produced a most impressive list of serial sources on the Internet -- I shall enjoy looking at those for myself. My other workshop was about cataloguing e-journals and other Internet sources. What a nightmare for non-cataloguers like myself! It was most interesting and posed problems for libraries like ours in a cataloguing co-operative set-up, as well as the difficulties of determining what is in the library and what is not.

The papers on Tuesday morning took a brief look at that familiar topic of intellectual property and copyright. Toby Bainton, representing SCONUL, looked at new approaches to the subject which might improve the flow of information. He suggested that authors or universities should hold the copyright instead of publishers and that independent teams of referees could manage quality control. The academic sector on the whole want more freedom to copy! Bernard Donovan, Secretary General of ALPSP, then put a somewhat different point of view. Publishers wish to stop piracy and protect their authors' work. Copyright was devised to promote and protect rather than restrict the flow of scholarly communication. Bernard also mentioned the dangers of open and unmoderated bulletin boards on the Internet and the lack of control that existed there.

The afternoon papers had a slightly different flavour. Charles Oppenheim, Professor of Electronic Library Research at De Montfort University Leicester, asked the question "Do citations count?" He outlined the history of citation counting and offered a simpler alternative to the current long and costly Research Assessment Exercises.

Peter Stubbley from St. George's Library, University of Sheffield, then presented us with considerations for the physical display of serials in a new library, bearing in mind that there is a move away from the printed page! How does one display e-journals?! His talk would have been livelier had he showed some slides of his new library.

Tuesday was rounded off with The UKSG AGM, the conference dinner, barn dance and disco. Over dinner I found myself talking about management

techniques with another academic librarian. It was most helpful and stimulating. It's odd how you share experiences. But then you can tell relative strangers things you might not mention to your best friend (or your manager)!

"E-journals: some current perspectives" was the theme of four short papers on Wednesday morning. Chris Rusbridge talked about the eLib programme which is made up of several e-journal projects in various subject areas, funded with monies awarded after the Follett report on Higher Education in 1993. Damien Keown described how he set up and now publishes his (free) e-journal entitled The Journal of Buddhist Ethics. This is a truly electronic journal -- there is no hard copy available. Alan Singleton from the Institute of Physics Publishing, looked at what some of the major learned societies are doing with their publications with particular reference to their own journals. They are of course part of the HEFCE scheme mentioned earlier.

The last paper in this section was given by Howard Nicholson from the University of Bath and set the rise of e-journals and other information services into the current library management context. Perhaps we are exercising too much caution in our collection management strategies. However there are real concerns about quality control and archiving. A comment he made rang true: the network is NOT the library. I'm sure, as with CD-ROMs when they first hit us, many students will believe that the Internet is the answer to all their information needs. Indeed CD-ROMs are now commonplace -- the Internet and networking have taken over as hot topics of discussion! The other radical suggestion he put forward was to cancel all subscriptions and go for electronic document delivery! However he did not view this as a viable alternative at the moment!

As always at the conference the last session is given over to some thing a little different. Norwich Public Library in Norfolk suffered a major fire which destroyed most of the building and its contents. David Hayman, Assistant Director (Disaster Recovery), showed us slides and described the enormous task of dealing with a major incident of this kind. He was supported by Graham Matthews from the Department of Information and Library Studies, Loughborough University, who is writing a

set of guidelines for risk assessment and disaster recovery to be published later this year.

For the few of us who could stay on, visits had been arranged to the Wedgwood pottery, Little Moreton Hall (an Elizabethan moated manor house), and Keele University Library.

Reflecting on this conference in the context of the six I have already attended, I found that this year the topics under discussion reflected the state of things as I was experiencing them in day-to-day. When I was appointed to my present post on a part-time basis in 1989, the library was planning the installation of its computer system. The IT explosion was just beginning. At first we seemed to lag behind: many of the talks at the conferences were visionary and way beyond the IT experience we were having. I soaked it up like sponge (and still do!).

Now we are on our second computer system, CD-ROMs are here to stay and everyone is talking about networking. We're even surfing the Net at home now. I couldn't help thinking that back in 1989 librarians and computer professionals seemed miles apart as far as I was concerned. Now these departments are converging in universities sometimes along with media departments to deliver information. My brother works for a well-known company dealing in IT equipment. It's amazing how much we have in common these days! My husband is an ex-computer professional so I have been no stranger to computers. His company has had computers in the work place for many years. Now the PC is all-pervading. There's hardly an office routine that doesn't exist on a computer -- we have come to rely on them. In some instances we don't need to go to work -- work comes to us. Although modern technology is a problem when it doesn't work, I still feel privileged to be part of the development that is going on in my profession. It's an exciting future. I'm visionary by nature. I DO get excited by what could be, but try to be realistic and not get too carried away by what we can't achieve. It's very frustrating at times and definitely calls for patience. Like the old British Rail adverts, I'm getting there -- if but more slowly than I would wish!

To end my report on an appropriate note - take the time to look at the UKSG Web page. Its URL is <http://epip.lboro.ac.uk/uksg/>.

**SUMMARY OF THE ALCTS/SERIALS SECTION
COMMITTEE TO STUDY SERIALS CATALOGING
MEETING, JANUARY 22, 1996.
Carolynne Myall**

The Committee heard reports from liaisons from CC:DA and LC/NSDP, and reports of the sessions of MARBI held during the Midwinter Conference. Following discussion with members of the audience, the Committee selected topics for a presentation at the 1996 ALA Annual Meeting -- format integration, and cataloging computer-file serials -- and identified two promising program subjects for possible Committee co-sponsorship at the 1997 Annual Meeting -- restructuring of serials cataloging, and collection management, and cataloging of electronic serials. Two members of the Committee, J. Altimus and M. Mering, facilitated a discussion on the topic, "What elements of AACR2 no longer work for serials cataloging?" Discrepancies between cataloging requirements and the use of serial records for a

variety of library functions, aspects of successive entry cataloging, and AACR2's emphasis on description of serials vs. the need for identification of serials emerged as serious difficulties for serials catalogers. In a shared environment, and also for purposes of linking with indexing and abstracting services, the "hook" is essential; and while the ISSN is best, participants observed that it is not always reliable. M. Horn proposed that ISSN be repeatable, beyond subfield y, as a means of overcoming inaccurate ISSN data elsewhere.

The full text of these minutes is available through the ALA gopher (gopher.ala.org) or through the ALA web page (<http://www.ala.org>).

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Carol MacAdam**

[Note: Please send announcements concerning meetings of interest to the NASIG membership to Carol MacAdam.]

June 6-9, 1996
Canadian Library Association
51st Annual Conference
"Sail into our future"
Halifax, Nova Scotia
see: <http://www.uccb.ns.ca/cia96>

June 8-13, 1996
Special Libraries Association Annual Meeting
Boston, MA

June 20-23, 1996
North American Serials Interest Group
Eleventh Annual Conference
"Pioneering New Serials Frontiers:
From Petroglyphs to Cyberserials"
University of New Mexico
Albuquerque, NM

July 6-10, 1996
American Libraries Association Annual Conference
New York, NY

July 20-25, 1996
American Association of Law Libraries
Annual Meeting
Indianapolis, IN

August 25-31, 1996
International Federation of Library Associations
and Institutions
IFLA Annual Conference
Beijing, China

September 25-27, 1996
Third European Serials Conference
of the European Federation of Serials Groups
Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland

October 16-18, 1996
ARL Membership Meeting
Washington, D.C.

October 21-24, 1996
American Society for Information Science
Annual Meeting
Baltimore, MD

November 7-9, 1996
16th Annual Charleston Conference on Issues
in Book and Serial Acquisitions
Charleston, SC

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